

Dear FPAC (I mean FCC) commissioners,

As a proud member of the finest Army in the world (that's right, the United States Army), a taxpayer, and an individual investor, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You five individuals, presumably for the good of the people, have done more to deplete the value of my investment portfolio than the price of oil, home foreclosures, and the resultant failing economy--combined. Not to mention that (again, presumably for the good of the people) you are extremely close to actually reducing the number of choices I, a tax-paying consumer, have. Finally, as a Soldier in the Army (19 years) you have embarrassed me, as I now realize exactly what it is I'm fighting for—your continued ability to kill companies and deals, which would benefit the consumer, to further your own political goals.

I bet you all didn't think you had that kind of power, did you? Sitting there in your cushy jobs, with cushy offices, and cushy houses, you all, I'm sure thought were doing the consumer a service. You didn't think you could impact the life of a Soldier, currently deployed to Iraq for 15 months, and make it any worse than it already is. Come to think of it, have any of you ever spent 15 months in the desert away from your wife/husband and kids? I suspect not. You probably also didn't realize your innocent procrastination over the decision whether or not to allow two failing, fledgling companies to merge might actually affect the net worth of hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of people worldwide. Of course, I'm sure you were completely unaware of the impact your harmless wrangling would have on the choices available to American consumers—the greatest consumers on earth.

No, wait, I take that back. You all, each and every one of you, know exactly what you are doing. So tell me, who was the highest bidder? What position were each of you promised next? Actually, in all seriousness, answer this question for me—why is it necessary to limit the number of commissioners belonging to any particular political party? I mean, if the FPAC (sorry, FCC) truly exists for the consumers' welfare, then there should be no worries about commissioners voting on party lines. This is a group of people, much like the Supreme Court (don't get me started), which should not be affected by political maneuvering. Don't get me wrong, I'm not naïve to politics and the way things actually are. I'm just

saying they shouldn't be this way, and you five individuals had a prime opportunity to show us all how it should work—you blew it. It was a year ago when we were told to have our comments submitted so the board could make a decision and, yet, here I am, a year later, submitting my comments so that my voice may be heard before you inept politicians make your no-longer-important decision.

Why no longer important? I'm glad you asked. First, those of you who will vote against the merger are taking sides with a losing team—the NAB. Why? Because a blind man can see that the days of free commercial radio are numbered. Hell, one of the top two radio entertainment CEOs in the country recognized this fact years ago and moved to satellite radio. Let me explain how this works. The vast majority of consumers do not think listening to 45 minutes of commercial advertising is a fair price to pay in order to listen to music which someone else chooses for them. Satellite radio, internet radio, MP3 players, iPods—all these things are eating away at the NAB's already eroding customer base. With or without satellite radio, this medium will cease to exist sometime in the not-too-distant-future. So, you would be voting not to allow a merger in order for what—for free commercial radio to continue its freefall to annihilation?

For those of you who vote for the merger I offer this: Your support for the merger is no longer important because, as you procrastinated (all the while waiting for a higher bidder) these two companies have lost something like \$2,000,000,000 in market value. That's right, count the zeroes—TWO BILLION DOLLARS. I want to commend you on your ardent support of these two companies! Without those of you on the side of SATRAD, the two companies wouldn't be on the verge of collapse (with or without the merger, I might add)!

So, now, thanks to you all, my life is about to crumble. You see my wife is leaving me for another man (that's what happens when you spend 15 months in the desert away from your wife/husband) and I'm not even going to have "Sirius Love" to listen to when I get back (sad songs do, after all, say so much), because you louses won't step up to the plate and MAKE A DAMN DECISION, much less the decision which makes sense for the consumer—LET THE COMPANIES MERGE! My net worth will fall farther because both companies will cease to exist—ALONG WITH THEIR STOCK! And I am still in the Army

and probably will come to the desert for another 12-15 months at least once more in my career—WHILE YOU MOVE UP THE POLITICAL LADDER AND BECOME MORE AND MORE ARROGANT AND OUT OF TUNE WITH WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS!

Way to show your support, there, FPAC (damn, I did it again, FCC) commissioners. We all—Soldiers, consumers, and investors alike—are much happier knowing you have our back!

Again, thank you—FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, YOU SELFISH (insert any derogatory expletive you can possibly think of here)!!!!!!

*FPAC—Federal Political Agenda Commission.